

RUSSIAN GERAN-2 DRONE HITS APARTMENT BLOCK IN GALAȚI, TWO RESIDENTS INJURED

At about 02:00 on 29 May 2026, during Russian drone strikes on Ukraine across the Danube, a drone hit the roof of a 10-storey apartment block in southern Galați and its payload exploded, setting a top-floor flat on fire. About 70 residents were evacuated; two people were injured and two more were treated for panic attacks. The Ministry of National Defence (MApN) identified the drone as a Russian-provenance Geran-2; two Romanian F-16s scrambled at 01:19 did not engage it.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

OFFICIAL ATTRIBUTION

A government, a prosecutor, the EU, NATO or a UN body has formally named Russia, its services or its state-backed forces. This is a position of that authority, not a verdict.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

President Nicușor Dan, after the Supreme Council of National Defence (CSAT), 29 May 2026: "Declar, cu toată fermitatea, că responsabilitatea integrală pentru acest incident îi aparține Federației Ruse" (AGERPRES English: "full responsibility for this incident lies with Russia"). Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE), on summoning Ambassador Vladimir Lipaev the same day: "nu poate exista nici un fel de dubiu cu privire la responsabilitatea exclusivă a Federației Ruse" ("there can be no doubt about the exclusive responsibility of the Russian Federation"). MAPN: "the entire payload of the Russian-provenance Geran-2 drone exploded on impact". NATO Spokesperson Allison Hart (X): "We condemn Russia's recklessness". European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (X): "Russia's war of aggression has crossed yet another line."

LATEST

On 29 May 2026 Romania declared the Russian Consul General in Constanța persona non grata (72 hours to leave) and announced the closure of the consulate. On 25 June Russia retaliated by closing Romania's Consulate General in Saint Petersburg and expelling its consul; the MAE called the move "predictable". At Romania's request the North Atlantic Council discussed Black Sea security on 10 June 2026; according to President Dan, Allies expressed solidarity and agreed to accelerate NATO counter-drone projects ahead of the Ankara Summit.

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The drone was part of a Russian overnight strike on Ukrainian civilian and infrastructure targets across the Danube from Galați.

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WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Name each violation in national statements and at the UN Security Council.
- Support NATO air defence along the eastern flank.
- Hold Russia responsible under international law for each incursion.

